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## NO HOMECOMING THIS YEAR; OFFICERS MEET

### Professor Paul C. Tonner Celebrates Anniversary

#### Saint Joseph's Day, May Twelfth, Set To Honor Long-Term Teacher of Music

Silvery tones of the chapel organ will ring out in a prelude of harmony at nine o'clock Wednesday morning, May 12, the Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph. They will be the processional of a special celebration, that of Professor Paul C. Tonner, B. Mus., announcing that he is completing twenty-five years as head of the Music Department and teacher of instrumental music at St. Joseph's.

At Prof. Tonner's own request, he will play the organ at the Solemn High Mass offered for him that day. At his request, also, the entire recognition of his silver anniversary will be subdued.

Father Aloys Dirksen, president of the college, will preach at the Solemn High Mass. Dinner will be served at 12:30 for Prof. Tonner, his family, and the faculty. There will be no other guests and no speeches.

CONTACT, in the name of all the alumni, especially those of



PROFESSOR TONNER

the last twenty-five years, congratulates Prof. Tonner.

### Anthony Knapke Class of 1907 Dies Suddenly

Seized by a heart attack early Wednesday, April 28, Mr. Anthony Knapke of Minster, Ohio, died at one o'clock the following morning. He had been in apparent good health. On Sunday, May 2, he would have been sixty years old.

Mr. Knapke studied at St. Joseph's from 1898 to 1902 and again from 1905 to 1907. After teaching in two other Ohio schools for several years, he accepted the position at Minster, where since 1912 he was teacher,

high school principal, organist and choir director in St. Augustine's Church.

Two of Mr. Knapke's eleven children studied at St. Joseph's—the Rev. Paul Knapke, C.P.P.S., S.T.D., from 1925 to 1929, and Lt. Luke Knapke, A. B., from 1934 to 1937. A brother, the Rev. Othmar Knapke, C.P.P.S., who died in Italy in 1939, also of a heart attack, was a student from 1900 to 1906.

During the thirty-one years that Mr. Knapke gave his untiring service to church and school his male choir became widely known in the territory surrounding Minster. Frequently it sang on special occasions in outside communities.

### Commencement Open to Visitors

That traditional spring homecoming everyone who attended enjoyed so much is a war casualty. After much consideration the faculty has reluctantly decided not to hold it this year, probably not for the duration. Already last year a very limited number found it possible to attend, and it seems evident that still less could do so at present.

However, Commencement is set for Sunday, May 23. That no one who had already planned to attend homecoming may be disappointed, this will be an occasion not only for a gathering but also for an opportunity to absorb once more some of the old academic spirit. Commencement 1943 may also have some features which did not exist in earlier years.

Particularly, the class of 1933 may wish to hold a reunion. They and all others are invited to return to their Alma Mater for Commencement.

### Articles on Drama Appear in Print

"Catholic Drama for the Parish," an article by Dr. Paul F. Speckbaugh, chairman of the English department, appeared in the January *Ecclesiastical Review*.

Another article, "It's Lots of Fun," outlining the work of the clerical moderator of the parochial dramatic club, appears in the May *Homiletic and Pastoral Review*. It was written by Father John Lefko, C.P.P.S., '32, assistant pastor of St. John's parish, Whiting, Indiana.

### Reserves Are Called

Nine more students, all reserves, were called on the same day, May 4.

### Plan Vote by Mail As War Policy

With Father Joseph B. Kenkel presiding, officers of the Alumni Association met at the college Sunday, May 2, primarily to nominate officers for the coming year.

The officers heartily approved an earlier decision of the faculty not to hold the spring homecoming days this year.

Since there will be no business meeting, voting for new officers will be done by mail. Official ballots and a letter from Father Kenkel, President, will be sent to all members in the near future.

### Wins High Honors Declines Promotion

Members of the freshman class of '41-'42 have yet to report a better record than that of Pfc. Louis W. (Billy) Dawson of New Haven, Ky. A member of the A.A.F., Billy recently completed a four-months course at Curtis Wright Technical Institute, Glendale, Calif., with highest honors in a class of thirty.

Offered a place in O.C.S. School, honor-man Dawson declined. He is now stationed at Bks. 388, 498th Hdq. Sq., Flight G., Spokane Air Base, Spokane, Wash.

Mr. Louis P. Dawson, Billy's proud father, who is superintendent of the Athertonville Distillery, Inc., Athertonville, Ky., was at St. Joe from 1915 to 1918.

### Scheiber Promoted

Out at the Naval Air Station, Pasco, Washington, Ensign Richard M. Scheiber, '41, had directed enough student pilots to their wings by March 1 to be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, junior grade.

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**ANOTHER VOLUME** is completed with this issue of CONTACT. One by one the months have sped, each seemingly more quickly than the preceding one. That in itself is proof that publishing the little news sheet is not a task; the compliments and the generous letters of appreciation, of which there has been a steady flow, more than compensate for whatever work is entailed.

Time to say "Thank you," then, to all who have cooperated so well since last September. Parents and families particularly have been quite faithful in keeping the alumni register up to date. Men in the service, too, have generally announced their transfers.

**ALTHOUGH DURING** the summer months there will be no publications, we request that all continue to keep us informed. If you do this, the September issue will carry everything even though it grows to twelve or more pages.

When having pictures taken, remind the photographer to print one on a glossy finish paper. Send this, or have him send it, to the editor. The glossy finish is necessary to reproduce for printing.

**WHILE WE ARE** at the present time perhaps partial to the men in uniform, we again remind all alumni to send in bits of news about themselves to publish. Too frequently human interest stories that make the best reading are overlooked and forgotten. Those men who were with you in college would welcome knowing about them.

There are marriages and births and deaths. There are anniversaries—the fifth, the tenth, the twenty-fifth. Occasionally there is a fiftieth. Whether laymen or priests, your former buddies wish to share your joys and sorrows. CONTACT, with your cooperation, can regularly be double its present size now.

**WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES**, so prominent and effective today, might be the solution for those modest souls among the alumni who do not share the happenings of their lives through the pages of this sheet. Mothers and girl friends of single men; wives of married; housekeepers of clergymen. This is an invitation to them all to pile high the editorial desk during the next three months.

You might include some original wit, humor, and clever sayings also, like that of the curly headed Miss of three years whose older sister told her when it thundered that God was moving the furniture of heaven. Just then there was an exceptionally loud clap. "Did He drop the piano?" the child asked. But don't throw any flatirons!

## STUFF And SUCH

Before the curtain is drawn for two weeks at Commencement, May 23, the seasonal contests are taking place. Already returns have come in from the Alumni Essay Contest which closed April 15. Only one or the other of the fourteen excellent papers submitted dealt specifically with the world conflict. Strange as it might seem, the winning contribution had the title, "The Things of a Child." All three judges gave it first place.

Nineteen seniors will be graduated May 23. This small group indicates that the war has taken its toll. Well over forty would have been the average number consistent with the recent growth of the college.

A summer term of eight weeks will begin Monday, June 7, with the two days preceding open for registrations. Approximately fifty or sixty students are expected to attend.

In the thick of things was Father Joseph Otte, professor of accounting, when he attended a meeting of accountants at the University of Michigan during April. Problems growing out of the present world conflict, priorities, and postwar conditions were discussed and analyzed. Father Otte is a member of the American Accountants' Association.

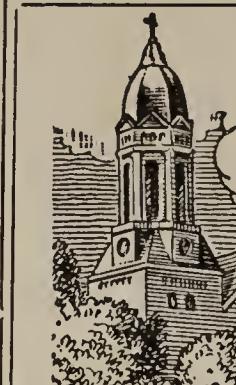
Although the current season of sponsored programs had closed, Collegeville had the privilege of listening to a scholar in the person of the Rev. Dr. H. Schumaker of Gardenville, N. Y., April 14. Professor of New Testament exegesis in the graduate school of the Catholic University for twenty-one years, Dr. Schumaker is one of the most outstanding authorities on this subject in the United States. He spoke on the topic, "A Remarkable Little Romance in the History of the Our Father." In this lecture he traced the origin of the doxology which many Non-Catholics append to the original prayer.

When the members of the American Chemical Association met for the 105th time, in Detroit, April 12-16, Father Albert Wuest, professor of chemistry, represented St. Joseph's. Planned as a "War Meeting," the assembly of teachers and professional chemists learned of the latest developments in their field. Father Wuest is a member of this association.

Competition ran high for the Hanley Science Award of fifty dollars presented annually by Dr. William A. Hanley, '02, director of Engineering at the Eli Lilly Co., of Indianapolis. When the votes of the judges were counted two of the contestants were tie for first place.

During several days of Holy Week Father Anthony Paluszak, Ph. D., attended the annual convention of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, of which he is a member. The meetings were held this year in Chicago.

Postwar problems facing librarians was the theme of a conference of the American Library Association in Chicago April 3. Father Schuerman, librarian, attended.

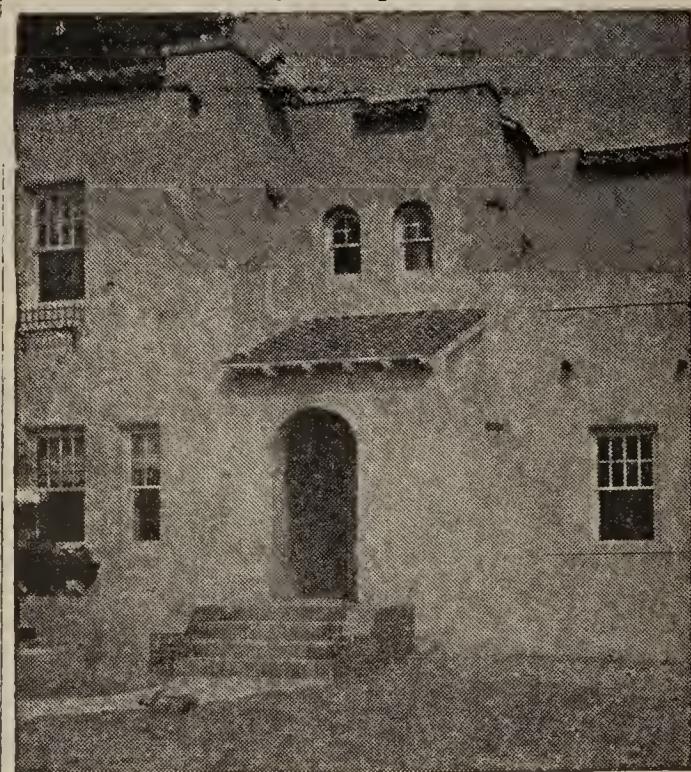


## Turn Back the Clock

If the more than 8,000 residents of Vinita, Oklahoma, find this second oldest city of the state a good place to live it is not only because of the steady and ample electric power provided by the Grand River Dam Project, the Frisco and Katy railroads which supply service, the fertile agricultural area surrounding the city, or the fine fishing and hunting grounds of the vicinity.

Pastor of Holy Ghost parish in Vinita is the Rev. Titus F. Kramer, C.P.P.S., '01. He is genuinely interested in the civic as well as the moral betterment of his town.

For the past eighteen years Father Kramer has been in the front ranks of civic leadership. As a result business men have come to love and admire him. He is consulted on all civic and spiritual questions, and his opinion is always respected. The warm



—Courtesy Southwest Courier

### HOLY GHOST RECTORY

feeling that the members of Holy Ghost parish have for him is shared by the non-Catholic public.

Alumni from 1907 to 1914 remember Father Kramer as a professor whose interest in them carried far beyond the classroom. As athletic director he extended himself even to the point of joining in the games and refereeing them. Photography, his hobby, was more than a pastime; the pictures he made (and gave away for any little favor done) are still cherished by many students of those years.

An attack of inflammatory rheumatism in 1914 compelled Father Kramer to seek the drier climate of the Southwest. His well-organized parish with its sodalities and societies for young and old and his social and civic leadership make Vinita the good place to live that it is.

## These Men in Armed Services Want to Hear from Their Friends

Portsmouth, Virginia, at the U. S. Coast Guard Depot, c/o C.G. 85008, reaches John A. Cannon, freshman, '40-'41.

"Transferred to Princeton University, Princeton, N. J., Co. A A.S.T.P.," reads the note from Pvt. Paul H. Banet, '40, who is there for the new army specialization training program.

In the service for the past eighteen months, Pvt. Bernard A. Tito, '37, is stationed in North Africa, his mother writes. His address: 36305968, Co. D, 109th Medical Bn., A.P.O. 34, care Postmaster, New York City.

A sophomore during the first semester, Pfc. Richard J. Walker is in the 769th T.S.S., Bks. 437, Buckley Field, Colo.

New address of Lt. Robert H. Gutting, '40, is the 143rd Inf., A.P.O. 3842, New York City.

Registered as a freshman last fall, Pvt. Robert J. Kipfer is in the 55th Tng. Gp., 149th Sqd., Keesler Field, Mass.

Lt. Col. Carl J. Beckert, '16, has been transferred to the 92nd Inf. Div., at Ft. McClellan, Alabama.

A first semester freshman, Fred R. Wilkens is in the Navy, stationed at Great Lakes, Illinois at present.

Leaving St. Joe after one year, '41, Thomas Dunbar, Seaman, second class, is on the U.S.S. Achelous; he receives mail from the Fleet P.O., New York City.

Chaplain Francis L. Fate, '24, has been transferred to the 85th C. A. (A.A.) Reg., Norfolk, Va. (Gen. Del.).

Cpl. Maurice J. Deering, '37, is in Co. C, 302nd Q.M. Bn., at Camp Gordon, Georgia.

Graduating at the end of the first semester, Mid. Warren Gray is with the U.S.N.R., Rm. 1307, John Jay Hall, Midshipman's School, New York City.

After his freshman year, 1940-'41, Pvt. James H. Pax was inducted. He is in Co. E, 2nd C. W.S. Tng. Reg., R.T.C. at Camp Sibert, Alabama.

In Co. 390, Charles Joseph, '42, is in the U.S.N.T.S., Great Lakes, Ill.

Since January, 1942, Robert P. Golrick, '41, has been at sea. A Seaman, Second Class, when he last wrote home, Dec. 7, he expected a promotion soon. (S. Division, U.S.S. Memphis, care Postmaster, New York City.)

Brothers from Loogootee, Ind., (Continued on Page 4).

### SEES STARS



LIEUT. FONTANA

As a public relations officer at Luke Field, Phoenix, Arizona, Lt. Joseph W. Fontana, Jr., '34, has us home-town contacters all frosted over. Listen—

"Metro-Goldwin-Mayer is on the field shooting a film titled 'A Guy Named Joe.' We fought hard to get the studio at Luke. Spencer Tracy and Irene Dunn are starring the pic. In public relations capacity I have a tremendous (he stole that adjective from Father Hartman) amount of contact with the director and the camera man. I don't believe the stars will come to our field. All their dialogue will be shot at the studio stages. The doubles, however, are here.

"The Army does have a way of making its men blaze. Three years ago if someone had told me that I would be doing business with the large studios I would have had butterflies in the stomach for weeks. I went to school in Florida for some time with Robert Preston and Bruce Cabot. The people in the motion picture business are the same as anyone else—no matter what the syndicate writers dream up about the stars for press releases."

Keep that for the scrapbook, Joe. Your comment that letters and CONTACT are morale builders is universal.

Although Joe likes to fly, his eyes will not qualify him for piloting Uncle Sam's planes.

## Cook County Men Hold Quarterly *Offer Resolution To Keep Officers*

Though some of their activities are being curtailed, Cook County alumni held their regular quarterly meeting Tuesday evening, May 4, in Chicago. The same spontaneous spirit characteristic of all former meetings prevailed, and the group which assembled in the Sieben parlors was surprisingly large. What, with rationing, public transportation is available.

Fifteen members said "Aye" to a resolution that the present officers of the Alumni Association be retained until public travel is again permitted without restriction. A copy of the resolution was forwarded to the National Secretary.

A day was proposed for an informal golf tournament at some course within reach of city transportation. All business having been transacted, lunch and conversation blended round the board.

### Group Led by Hoban Study Peace Program

Chaplain of the college of Mt. St. Joseph-on-the-Ohio, the Rev. James H. Hoban, '25, S.T.L., Ph.D., is directing the activities of the National Federation of Catholic College Students of the Cincinnati region. He is chaplain of this group.

Besides Mt. St. Joseph's College, Our Lady of Cincinnati and Xavier University, both of Cincinnati, Marian College of Indianapolis, and Dayton University are represented.

At the present time students from these colleges are studying the Papal peace program and college students' participation in parish activities.

### Baby Kelly Coos Dada

Originally of Crawfordsville, Ind., now living at No. 12, 2316 N. Park Avenue, Indianapolis, Mark E. Kelly, '31, boasts a Victory offspring five months old. Our incomplete information does not determine name or sex; Mark will be glad to furnish full information come Alumni celebration or any chance meeting.

## THE ROUNDUP

by



**Coach Joe Dienhart**

For the final ten days of the spring athletic program there are three baseball games to play. They are with Illinois Wesleyan, here, May 8; Purdue, here, May 10; and Butler, there, later next week.

We lost a double-header to Purdue May 1, with scores of 4-2 and 3-2. Both games were well played. Purdue came from behind in both, to win in a late inning of the contests.

Station WBAA of Lafayette carried a broadcast of the games with Purdue. Many good things were mentioned about St. Joseph's in the four hours on the air. Called to the microphone between games, catcher George Ellspermann proved himself as intelligent a speaker as he is a fine battery man.

Many other colleges did not venture a baseball schedule this year; we will finish ours even though we may lose still more men from the team before the season closes.

More than that, we hope that we can continue these athletic tales in Father Ley's September issue of CONTACT. Meanwhile, a Victory garden will occupy some of the time.

Thanks for the efforts of all alumni to be of help during this school year.

### Sing Easter Hymns On National Waves

Children of St. Joseph's parochial school, Ironton, Ohio, sang Easter hymns over a nation-wide hookup at two o'clock Holy Saturday afternoon. Father Ambrose Schilling, M. A., '24, pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, is in charge of the school.

After Mutual's fifteen-minute coast-to-coast broadcast the children continued to entertain local listeners until 2:30 over Ironton's station WCMI. Part of the High Mass was also broadcast locally at eight o'clock Easter morning.

## Talks to Parents In Cincinnati

Speaking in Cincinnati recently while on leave, Father Lawrence R. Schmieder, '26, First Lieutenant and Navy chaplain, urged parents of boys in the service to remind their sons of their religious duties. At the same time he praised Catholic soldiers and sailors for their regular attendance.

Father Schmieder has been in the thick of several naval engagements in the Pacific. He knew three of the five Sullivan brothers.

## Adolph E. Soucie Suggests Bowling

Editor of Contact:  
Collegeville, Ind.

Dear Sir:

As I enjoy CONTACT, also **Stuff**, I have read with interest items on the bowling teams. Could not a tournament in doubles and singles be held on Sundays? Reservations could be made for time and date.

I would be very much interested in it, and I think it would be enjoyed as much as the golf tournament.

Very truly yours,  
Adolph E. Soucie, '19.  
Rantoul, Ill.

The suggestion has full editorial blessing for occasional gatherings in Rensselaer, for homecoming, and for local chapter projects. (Editor).

## Peter N. Kuntz, '34, Activates Company

As a Community student in the years 1933-'34, Peter N. Kuntz, of Cleveland, Ohio, attended St. Joseph's Academy. He was inducted into the Army Feb. 24, 1942. Last month he was sent with a Cadre of twenty-three men to activate a new company at Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

1st Sgt. Kuntz is in charge of the 135th Ordnance MM Company there.

## Fr. Klocker Promoted

During the last few weeks the Rev. Herman Klocker, '25, was promoted from St. Anthony Church, Canton, Ohio, to St. Mary's Church, 206 Cherry St., N. E., Massillon.

More About

## These Men in Armed Service

Pvt. Elbert J. Walker is in Co. C, 29th Bn., C.S.C.R.T.C., T 869, Camp Crowder, Mo.; Pfc. Richard J. Walker is in the 769th T.S.S., Bks. 437, Buckley Field, Colo.

Squadron 437, 601st T.G., 63rd Training Wing, Clearwater, Fla., is the complete address of Pvt. Francis L. Parks.

Cpl. James L. Connor, '30, is in Btry. B, 450th CA, Bn (AA), c/o Postmaster, Nashville, Tenn.

A sophomore during the first semester, Pvt. Edward O'Donnell is now in the 421st Training Group, Flight 6, Basic Training Center 4, Miami Beach, Fla.

Transferred recently, Pvt. Leon J. Frechette, '30, is now in the 1112th Sig. Co., Serv. Gp., C.A.-A.B., Columbia, S. C.

For two months or more Edward A. Bandjough, '42, has been a Midshipman at the USNR Midshipman's School, 730 John Jay Hall, New York City. The course is tough, Ed admits, but adds that it eventually leads to promotion.

In Div. 11, Sec. Q, at the U.S.N.T.S., Madison, Wisc., is John W. Henry, academy, '42.

Pvt. Charles E. Riedel, '42, is in the Army Air Force Crew Detachment, Squadron F, Flight 29,

Bks. 2, Lubbock, Texas.

Cpl. Thomas F. Ritter, '42, is in Sec. 6, Bks. 10, N.A.T.T.C., M.A.D., Ward Island, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Writing for a transcript of credits, Robert H. Knipper, '41, Mo. M.M., 2/c UP-377, Naval Section Base, Woods Hole, Mass., revealed his address.

Following his brother William into the service, A/C James E. Quinlan, '42, is in the U. S. Naval Flight Prep. School, Bks. 1, A Deck, Rm. 210, DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind. This past semester James was a student at Armour Institute, Chicago as a mechanical engineer.

At St. Joe from 1936 to 1939, Lt. Vincent J. Clark, is at the Middletown Air Depot, Middletown, Penn.

Pfc. John E. Hunera, '41, is in the 30th Airdome Squadron, Army Air Base, Kearney, Neb.

Working toward his Technician's rating in the Navy Medical Corps, Richard M. Haffner, '42, Ph. M. 3/c, is in the U. S. Naval Hospital, Aiea Heights, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

A sophomore during the first semester, Donald Graetz is at the U.S.N.T.S., Co. 525, Great Lakes, Ill.

## Reported Missing

Missing in action! The inevitable message that must come for some. It came for John Paylo of Whiting, Ind., who before entering the army was an oil inspector in the Standard Oil Laboratories there.

John left St. Joe after completing his freshman year in 1939.

## Pacific Rare Treat

Promoted to Staff Sergeant, Francis J. Omlo, '42, got a lift from the first issue of CONTACT he has received. Somewhere in the South Pacific, he finds it a "rare treat in this part of the World." His address, more correct than the one printed last month, is: VMJ. 152, MAG. 25, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

## LITTLE GIANT

DELPHOS, O.—Aviation Cadet William Gladen, '42, has been named the 159-pound wrestling champion of his platoon at the Navy Pre-Flight School, Iowa City, Ia.

## Frank J. Bohn '42 In Army Air Corps

After sophomore year at St. Joe, Pvt. Frank J. Bohn, '42, of Zanesville, Ohio, enlisted in the Army Air Corps as a pilot cadet. His basic training completed, Frank will remain at the University of Pittsburg for several months—until he completes army technical studies for combat fliers. (60th C.T.D. (A.C.), Room 1332, U. of Pittsburg, Pittsburg, Penna.)

## Alumni in Service

Of the 435 alumni of whom we have a record that they are in the armed services of the country, sixty-five are officers. On the honor roll there are nine gold stars; several others, reported missing, may have been killed.

## DIERUF IN O. C. S.

From Camp Breckenridge, Ky., William C. Dieruf, Jr., '42, has been transferred to the Army Finance School, O.C.S. Class 16, 1st Platoon, Duke University, Durham N. C.

## W. Gay Follows Clerical Studies

A game of shuttlecock one might call life in the armed service for many of the soldiers during their period of training. It has been that for Pvt. William Gay, '42, who went from Ohio to New Jersey and then to Colorado since his induction. Now, as a member of the 4th Base Hq. and Air Base Squadron, he is at Selfridge Field, Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

"I have pursued the course of clerical instruction, specializing in Engineering and Operations," writes Bill. "At my present station I have been serving in a variety of capacities, principally as an administrative clerk. I am an 'on the job trainee' in the Legal and Boards and Claims Office."

## Ensign Goldcamp Home on Leave

Member of a class of 980 to be graduated from the Midshipmen's School in New York, March 31, Ens. Donald H. Goldcamp, '42, of Ironton, Ohio, received a twenty-two-day leave.



He visited St. Joe April 16-18. April 23 he reported at Little Creek, where he will receive further training, specifically in Amphibian Warfare, to which branch he was assigned.

## Clarence Sieben Elected

At a recent meeting of the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers, Chicago Section, Mr. Clarence M. Sieben, '23, was elected Secretary-Treasurer.